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COUNTRY Poland REPORT NO. TOPIC Gross Stein Airfield

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT March 1952 to January 1953DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 5 January 1954REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - one sketch on ditto

REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Between March 1952 and January 1953, source observed air activity by the following two aircraft types at an assumed airfield about 2 km north-northwest of Gross Stein (P 51/S 90). 1

a. Twin-engine aircraft with single rudder assembly and Polish nationality marking. The aircraft bore resemblance to the well known Douglas-type commercial aircraft. Every day between about 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., up to six aircraft were observed aloft apparently making local flights. Occasionally, 2 and 3 aircraft flew in V formation. Apparently training flights were made. Air activity was usually discontinued between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

b. Single-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engine, clumsy fuselage, probably elliptical wings, almost semi-circular rudder assembly and approximately rectangular elevator assembly. The aircraft bore the Polish nationality marking. From 4 to 6 aircraft were simultaneously observed aloft. They usually circled widely over the field at altitudes from 600 to 800 meters. Some aircraft apparently were two-seater planes. The aircraft occasionally flew in V formation. Occasionally, one single-engine aircraft towed a sleeve target which was attacked by other aircraft. Source repeatedly heard firing in the air in the Oppeln (P 51/J 17) -Gross Strehlitz (P 51/T 00) area. During the exercise, only the aircraft involved in the firing practices were aloft. 2

2. Between March 1952 and January 1953, source did not obtain any information on an airfield south of Stubendorf (P 51/S 90) or west of Nieder Ellguth (P 51/X 99).

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1. Comment. For location sketch of airfield near Gross Stein, see Annex.

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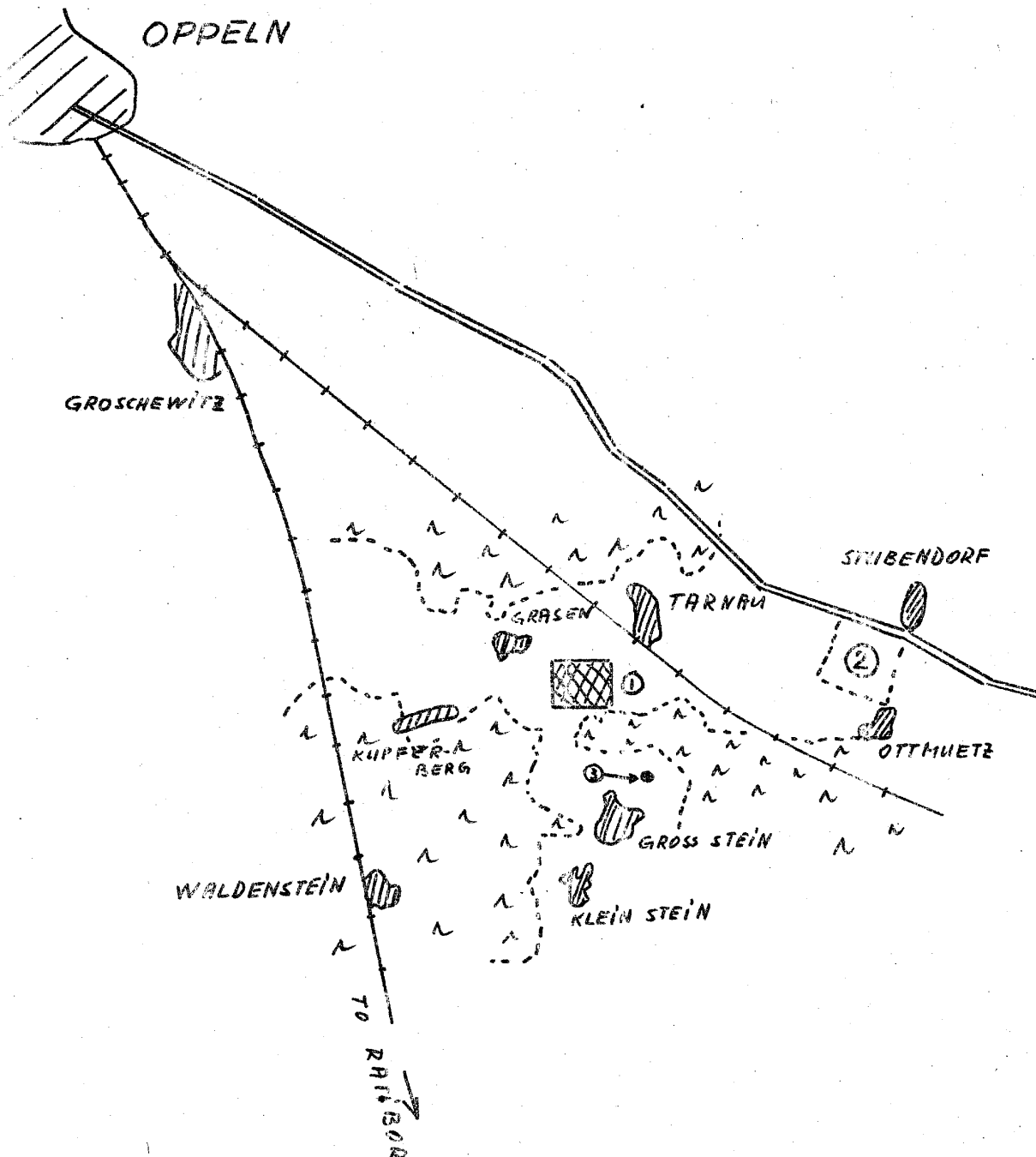
2. Comment. The twin-engine aircraft probably is of type Li-2; the single-engine aircraft probably is a fighter, as is also inferred from the attack practices at a sleeve target.

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Location Sketch of Assumed Airfield Near Gross-Stein



Legend:

- 1 Assumed location of airfield
- 2 Location of previously reported airfield near Stubendorf (entered by this office)
- 3 Point from which source made his observations